Limited Source (Brand Name) Justification Smart/RESTART & Smart/RRSAF Software Maintenance Purchase

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid, has a need to purchase software maintenance for Smart/RESTART & Smart/RRSAF, products of Relational Architects International, Inc. The SMART products are used for National Student Loan Database System daily to enable batch programs to operate against DB2 database. They support program restart with file repositioning and working storage recovery.

It is not practical or technically and financially prudent to compete for new software because replacing a product can introduce unwarranted risks and will create unnecessary cost to the Government due to testing, integration, and implementation of the new software.

The period of performance is November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015.

Based on the above, it is determined that Smart/RESTART and Smart/RRSAF software maintenance is essential to the Government's requirements and it is in the best interest of the Government to purchase the product.

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